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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-referenced application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. For the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants request entry of the reply filed on November 11, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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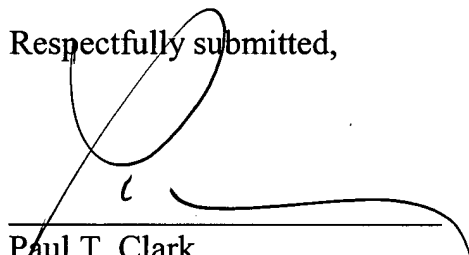
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Enclosed is a check for \$750.00 in payment of the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e). Also enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying for two months, to and including March 21, 2003.

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